GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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ISI ACTIVITIES
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether during the function of 18th Raising Day celebrations of the National Security Guards he had said that there shall be global action against I.S.I.;

(b) if so, whether his Ministry diplomatically made any initiative first in South Asia followed by the whole world in this regard;

(c) whether his Ministry is having any firm report for a close understanding between ISI and Al-Qaida operations in Asia and specially in India; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a) to (d):- During the function, Dy Prime Minister mentioned that some nations are resorting to the use of terror to achieve their political objectives and had also mentioned about Taliban, Al-Qaeda and ISI as sources of terrorism. The role of ISI in the context of furtherance of terrorism worldover was also highlighted inter-alia stressing the need of action against the ISI on lines of Taliban and Al-Qaeda.

To combat terrorism sponsored by Pak ISI and other militant organizations backed by it, diplomatic initiatives have been taken by constituting Joint Working Groups with a number of countries. The issue has also been raised at various/multilateral fora for eliciting support to curb the menace of terrorism.

The available intelligence inputs indicate a nexus between Al-Qaeda and ISI.